



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE:

SUBJECT: Contract for Median and Triangle Maintenance

The Parks and Recreation Department is proposing executing a contract with a private company for mowing street medians and triangles for a 12-month period. If approved as recommended, the contract will cost \$69,904, with options to extend for two additional 12-month periods, for a total cost of \$209,712.

The chief advantage is that it will enable staff to spend an additional 10,000 labor hours per 12-month period on basic infrastructure maintenance. Quality of work at the Austin Area Garden Center and on trails, plus more rapid repair on defective plumbing and play equipment are anticipated.

The area covered by the proposed contract encompasses 119 acres, and extends south of 15th Street to the City limit west of IH 35, and all areas east of IH 35. City Council awarded a similar contract with another private firm for the areas west of IH 35 and north of 15th Street.

Your approval of this recommendation is requested.

Manuel A. Mollinedo, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

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CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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SUBJECT: Approve execution of a contract with Vincent Landscapes, Austin, TX for a twelve (12) month service agreement for mowing of medians and triangles in an amount not to exceed \$69,904, with the option to extend for up to two (2) twelve (12) month periods in an amount not to exceed \$69,904 per extension period, for a total amount not to exceed \$209,712. Reference IFB File No. 920292-3CM.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: \$69,904 - Fund 100, Agcy 860, Org 4101, Obj 6382. \$69,904 was included in the 1991-92 operating budget; therefore there is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING DEPT: Financial Services for **DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:** _____
Parks and Recreation

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Carole Martindale at (512) 499-2020

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A
BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

-----REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION-----

LAW: _____ FINANCE: _____
OTHER: Paul L. Hollibaugh CITY MANAGER: _____

This twelve (12) month service agreement is for the mowing of medians and triangles located in two (2) zones throughout the City. City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) personnel have traditionally performed these services in conjunction with other maintenance operations. Funding approved in the current year budget was targeted for the privatization of this activity in order to devote City personnel to further enhancements of the City Parks operations.

Bids were solicited with a guarantee of four (4) mowing cycles per year, and a projection of eight (8) mowing cycles. PARD records indicate that the medians and triangles require mowing a minimum of four (4) times per year, an average of six (6) times per year, and possibly eight (8) times per year if significant amounts of rain are received. The recommended award will allow for payment of eight (8) cycles if required; however, only necessary mowing will actually be accomplished and paid for.

Recommended awardee is the prime contractor selling directly to the City of Austin; therefore, there is no opportunity for subcontracting.

Low bid of four (4) bids received MBE/WBE Solicited: 12/9
MBE/WBE Subcontractor Participation: 0%/0% MBE/WBE Responded: 2/1

BID TABULATION
MOWING OF MEDIANS AND TRIANGLES

	<u>Qty/Unit</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
<u>Zone 2</u>			
Vincent Landscapes Austin, TX	8 cycles	\$1,375	\$11,000
Pampered Lawns Austin, TX	8 cycles	\$1,486	\$11,888

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Terra Systems Austin, TX	8 cycles	\$1,559	\$12,472
Environmental Management (MBE) Austin, TX	8 cycles	\$2,882	\$23,056

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Zone 3

Vincent Landscapes Austin, TX	8 cycles	\$7,363	\$58,904
Terra Systems Austin, TX	8 cycles	\$8,756	\$70,048
Environmental Management (MBE) Austin, TX	8 cycles	\$15,368	\$122,944

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Ninety-six (96) notices were mailed. Twenty-one (21) bids were issued. Five (5) bids were received, one of which was withdrawn. One (1) MBE bid, one (1) MBE bid and subsequently withdrew his bid, one (1) MBE and one (1) WBE submitted a "no bid" response.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Low bidder.
 - . An administrative award will be made to Pampered Lawns for mowing of medians and triangles in Zone 1 in an amount not to exceed \$24,000. Low bidder of four (4) bids.
- c. Parks and Recreation Department concurs with the recommended award.

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Date: 24-Feb-1992 10:14am CST
From: RCA Budget
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Dept: Financial Services
Tel No: 499-2631

TO: Amy Singer (SINGER_AMY AT A1 AT INFOCL)
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CC: Kit von Wupperfeld (VON_WUPPERFELD_KIT AT A1 AT PARDV1)
CC: Carolyn Brooks (BROOKS_CAROLYN AT A1 AT PURCV2)
CC: CAROLYN ESTRADA CASTRO (CASTRO_CAROLYN AT A1 AT PURCV1)

Subject: RCA 3/5 - MEDIANS/TRIANGLES

PLEASE PLACE THIS ITEM ON THE 3/5 COUNCIL AGENDA. THANKS - DRUSILLA

Carolyn-please not changes on the RCA in bold. Also, the copy singed by Charles is on its way back to you today. Check that copy for additional changes. - ds

January 31, 1992

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MTH
SS
original to MTH

Mr. James Eliasberg
Vice President and General Counsel
Taco Cabana Incorporated
3309 San Pedro
San Antonio, Texas 78212

Re: Taco Cabana Sign at Riverside Taco Cabana, Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Eliasberg:

One of my most enjoyable pleasures is spending a few hours a week on the Town Lake Hike and Bike Trail. This time is very important to me and to all the citizens who use the Town Lake area for their escape from the daily intrusion of noise, traffic and unsightly urban expansion. I feel revitalized after a long walk or run there and realize more and more how unique and important this area is to the vitality of this community.

So of course I was stunned to see the Taco Cabana sign over the trees as I was running this morning. It is an eyesore and completely out of place there with the river and trees as a backdrop.

I have spoken with no fewer than twenty citizens, representing several established groups, who use and enjoy the trail and Town Lake almost daily and we are all in agreement that Taco Cabana and the Austin community of runners, rowers and open space advocates would both be better served if the sign were to be restructured to be more in line with the surrounding natural settings.

Realizing that you have an investment in the existing sign, we respectfully request you use the sign elsewhere. The benefit to Taco Cabana will be the positive publicity resulting from a positive corporate decision based on community input rather than business as usual with no regard to the specific design implications of each location. I cannot emphasize enough the strength of our commitment to obtaining a satisfactory resolution to this matter.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Mary Elizabeth Morgan

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CITY OF AUSTIN

cc: Mayor Bruce Todd

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